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AMNESTY, PENOLOGY, COAL, WOMEN POLITICS TO BE DIALOGUE TOPICS

Six new projects funded by the Montana Committee for the Humanities will explore the state theme, "Political Power in Montana," from a wide variety of perspectives. At its March and May meetings, the MCH awarded a total at \$12,713 on a matching basis for projects throughout the state.

The projects, sponsored by community groups and state organizations in Billings, Bozeman, Browning, Great Falls, Missoula, and Sidney, will consist of forums, conferences, television discussions, and lectures, to be held during the coming months. They include:

Amnesty—The Politics of War Resistance and The System sponsored by the Selective Service Information Center will take place May 14 at the University of Montana University Center. The afternoon panel will discuss the divergent views and opinions about the federal-state-individual relationships in the Selective Service system. The evening panel will discuss the pros and cons of amnesty from the standpoint of jurisprudence.

Montana and Its Prison: Reform and Resistance sponsored by the Committee for the Advancement of Public Understanding of Corrections will consist of a series of panel forums. Each discussion will bring together experts from that community and area of the state to discuss various aspects of the correctional system in Montana. Punishment, restitution, and rehabilitation will be discussed as well as proposals for reform such as community-based rehabilitation facilities.

The Emerging Role of the American Indian Women in Montana sponsored by the Montana Affiliate of NAIWA will take place June 21 & 22 in Browning. The conference will examine the contemporary status of Indian women in Montana and discuss future political and social roles.

What Kind of Coal Development Shall We Have in Eastern Montana? sponsored by the Economic Development Association of Eastern Montana. The forum, which will be televised statewide, will discuss the question of human values and coal development in Eastern Montana.

The Democratic Process and You sponsored by the Montana Association for Social Concerns. The three-day conference, scheduled for August 28-30 in Great Falls will explore various aspects of the legislative process at the national and state level, with Senators, Congressmen, lobbyists and humanists discussing how various groups relate to the exercise of political power in government.

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Upcoming Events in the Montana Public Program in the Humanities

May

- 10—7:30 P.M., Daly School, Hamilton, "The Genesis of Political Power." Topic: The Captive Press.
- 10—Humanities Film Forum, "Alexander Nevsky" (please check local T.V. listings for time).
- 11—7:30 P.M., Montana Power Hospitality Room, 224 S. B, Livingston, "Politics in Montana: A Historical Survey."
- 12—Humanities Film Forum, "Alexander Nevsky" (please check local T.V. listings for time).
- 14—1:00 and 7:30 P.M., "Amnesty—Politics of War Resistance and the System," University Center, University of Montana, Missoula. Panel discussions.
- 16—8:00 P.M., Madison Room, Student Union Building, MSU. "Who Governs? 1776-1973." Panel discussion.
- 17—Humanities Film Forum, "The Battle of Culloden" (please check local T.V. listings for time).
- 18—7:30 P.M., Montana Power Hospitality Room, 224 S.B, Livingston, "Politics in Montana: A Historical Survey."
- 19—Humanities Film Forum, "The Battle of Culloden" (check local T.V. listings for time).
- 20—6:05 P.M., KOFI-Kalispell, "The Kootenais: Their Political Power in Northwest Montana." Topic: Kootenai and Government.
- 21-25—Director's Trip (see p. 3 for locations).
- 23—8:00 P.M., Madison Room, Student Union Building, MSU. "Who Governs? 1776-1973." Panel discussion.
- 24—7:30 P.M., Daly School, Hamilton, "The Genesis of Political Power." Topic: Violation of Civil Rights.
- 24—Humanities Film Forum, "The Rise of Louis XIV" (see local T.V. listings for time).
- 24—7:30 P.M., Great Falls, "Political Power for Montana Indians—An Educational Approach." Topic: Student Rights and Responsibilities.
- 25—7:30 P.M., Montana Power Hospitality Room, 224 S. B, Livingston, "Politics in Montana: A Historical Survey."
- 26—Humanities Film Forum, "The Rise of Louis XIV, (see local T.V. Listing for time).
- 27—4:00 P.M., KFBB-TV, Great Falls, "Political Power and the Poor Person." Topic: The Convict, The Poor and Politics.
- 31—Humanities Film Forum, "The Andersonville Trial," (check local T.V. listing for time).

June

- 2—Humanities Film Forum, "The Andersonville Trial" (check local T.V. listing for time).
- 3—4:00 P.M., KFBB-TV, Great Falls, "Political Power and the Poor Person." Topic: The Status of Federally Funded Programs.
- 10—4:00 P.M., KFBB-TV, Great Falls, "Political Power and the Poor Person." Topic: The Welfare System and the Poor.

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Television Dialogue Examines State Issues

Political dialogue on four controversial Montana issues was brought to living rooms throughout the state by an MCH-funded television series during February and March.

The project, unique to Montana television in terms of its scope, was organized by the Television Committee for Political Dialogue. The committee, with the aid of an MCH grant and technical assistance from the Western Broadcasting Company, produced a four-part television series on the issues of taxation and gambling, land use, the Montana Indian, and the politics of energy.

Each program consisted of a panel of five persons, a "live" audience of from 50 to 80 persons, and a format which stressed informality and encouraged a lively exchange of views.

Purpose of the four one-hour programs included bringing vital Montana issues to state residents in an interesting format and injecting humanistic factors into the consideration of political problems in Montana. Panelists included state political leaders, businessmen, attorneys, faculty members from Montana colleges and universities, ranchers, state and federal government officials and persons involved in Indian movements. K. Ross Toole, a history professor at the University of Montana, Missoula, was panel moderator.

Director of the television committee was Mrs. Daphne Bugbee of Missoula. Assistant project director was Lynn Koch, station manager at KGVO-TV, Missoula, where the programs were taped. The series was telecast free-of-charge over stations KGVO-TV, Missoula; KTVM-TV, Butte; KCFW-TV, Kalispell; KBLL-TV, Helena; KULR-TV, Billings; KXGN-TV, Glendive; KYUS-TV, Miles City, and KFBB-TV, Great Falls.

Panelists were:

Taxation and Gambling: House Majority Leader Larry Fasbender, Fort Shaw; Del Siewert, executive vice president, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Helena; Thomas Dicken, chairman, Division of Humanities, Rocky Mountain College, Billings; Al Dougherty, counsel for the Montana Coin Machine Operators Association, Helena, and James Goetz, attorney and professor, Department of Government, Philosophy and History, Montana State University, Bozeman.

Land Use and Misuse: Senate Minority Leader James Moore, Two Dot; Rep. George Turman, Missoula; Hal Price, director of community development, State Department of Intergovernmental Relations, Helena; Stash Ashmore, Missoula land developer, and Ray Hart, chairman, Department of Religious Studies, University of Montana, Missoula.

Montana Indian: James Canan, area director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Billings; Barney Old Coyote, professor, Department of Indian Studies, Montana State University, Bozeman; Tom Swaney, Tribal Council, Flathead Indian Reservation; Michele Robinson, director, North American Indian Alliance, Butte; Sister Providencia Tolan, professor, Department of Sociology, College of Great Falls, Great Falls, and John T. Vance, Indian Claims Commission, Washington, D.C.

Energy: Lt. Gov. Bill Christiansen, Hardin; Paul Schmeckel, vice president, Western Energy Co., Butte; Tom Gwynn, manager of reclamation and conservation, Knife River Mining Co., Bismarck, N.D.; Wally McRae, rancher, Forsyth, and Aaron P. Small, professor, Department of English, Eastern Montana College, Billings.

- 11—7:00 P.M., Dillon High School, "Montana and Its Prison—Reform and Resistance:" Public Forum.
- 12—8:00 P.M., Deer Lodge, Powell County High School, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 13—8:00 P.M., Hamilton, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 14—7:30 P.M., Daly School, Hamilton, "The Genesis of Political Power in Montana." Topic: The Great Progressives.
- 18—8:00 P.M., Libby, Libby High School, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 19—8:00 P.M., Flathead Valley Community College, Kalispell, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 20—8:00 P.M., Choteau, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 21—8:00 P.M., Shelby High School, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 21—22—Browning, Blackfeet Indian Reservation, "The Emerging Role of American Indian Women in Montana." Panel discussions.
- 25—8:00 P.M., Havre High School, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 26—8:00 P.M., Glasgow, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 27—8:00 P.M., Sidney, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.
- 28—7:30 P.M., Daly School, Hamilton, "The Genesis of Political Power." Topic: Displacement of American Indians.
- 28—8:00 P.M., Glendive, "Montana and Its Prison. . ." Public Forum.

All Events Are Open to the Public

Dialogue on Hutterites Presented

Who are the Hutterites? What kind of a lifestyle do they have? How do they relate to the rest of Montana society? These were among the questions examined in a MCH-sponsored television special aired March 11 on the Montana Television Network.

"A World Apart—Montana Hutterites", a documentary film produced by MTN's Bill Whitsett, provided a glimpse into the life and thoughts of one of Montana's least known religious communities. The film, the first, and possibly last, of a kind portrayed the lifestyle of the Miller Hutterite Colony, near Choteau, including views of the members at work and play, in the fields and in the classroom, with modern machines and with traditional texts of prayer.

The film served as a starting point for a discussion by a panel of Montanans with expertise in a variety of fields related to the historical and present status of the Hutterite community. Prof. Pierce Mullen, MCH member and Chairman of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Government at MSU, moderated the panel which was composed of Rick Applegate, former research analyst with the Bill of Rights Committee of the Montana Constitutional Convention, Albert Borgmann, philosophy Professor from the U of M, Ted Schwinden, Commissioner of State Lands, Marvin Shaw, religious studies professor, MSU, and Bill Whitsett, MTN news director. The panelists examined the historical origins of the Hutterite movement, the sources of its religious beliefs, and contemporary questions relating to education and civil rights in various kinds of minority communities. The dialogue also focused around the example of the Hutterites as a form of alternative lifestyle in a technological age. The Hutterites, it was pointed out, are one of the few communities in the Western World which have been able to combine modern technology with a strong emphasis on a simple and traditional lifestyle.

A copy of the documentary film (16 m.m.) is available from the MCH for showing free of charge.



LIGHTER MOMENT—H. G. Merriam, left, professor emeritus at the University of Montana, and John K. Hutchens, former Montanan and nationally known literary critic, enjoy an informal moment during a panel discussion at the Missoula Festival of the Arts in May. They were among 10 persons who participated in three panels under the general title, "Cultural Colonialism: Writing in Montana." The writing discussion, sponsored under an MCH grant, was part of the literary division of the citywide arts festival.

FILMS, AUDIO-, AND VIDEO-TAPES AVAILABLE

A large number of requests have been received for copies of recordings of Committee-sponsored projects. The Committee has available the following:

1. Video-tapes (1/2" Sony) of the panels at the state conference: "The History of Power Relationships in Montana," "Political Power and the Environment," "Political Power and the Indian Community," "Political Power and Women's Status," "Political Power and the Media," "Political Power and the Legal System," and speeches by Mr. Louis Lundborg and U. S. Sen. Fred Harris.

2. Audio-tapes (7" reel-to-reel) of ten-part radio series (one-half hour programs) on "The Kootenais: Their Political Power in Northwest Montana."

3. Audio-tapes (7" reel-to-reel) of five panels and speakers, Rep. John Melcher and Lt. Gov. Christiansen and Mr. Tom Gwynn on "Public Forum: Coal and Energy Development."

4. Audio-tapes (7" reel-to-reel) of panels featuring economist William Miernyk and Mr. Michael Williams on the human implications of coal development.

5. 16 m.m. films (one hour) on the television series, "Political Decisions in Montana" discussing "Politics, Taxation and Gambling," "The Politics of Land Use and Misuse," "Politics and the Montana Indian," and "The Politics of Energy."

6. 40 minute 16 m.m. film, "A World Apart—Montana Hutterites." (will be available by the end of May.)

Please contact the MCH office if you or your group would like any of the tapes for showing.

Bitterroot Forums Exemplify State Program Aims

Every other week for the past two months a large group of people have been crowding into the Daly School in Hamilton to discuss topics ranging from the abstract questions of "academic freedom" to the immediate problems of the lumber industry. These town-meetings in the Bitterroot are part of a continuing series of public seminars called "The Genesis of Political Power in Montana," under a \$3,000 grant from the MCH.

What brings the people together for such discussions? Participants say a combination of things: speakers, such as K. Ross Toole, Edmund Freeman, Joseph Espes Brown; topics which are "hot" issues in the area; the open-ended and free flowing character of the discussions in which no one is afraid to stand up and say his piece.

As a result, the series has become exemplary for the Montana Public Program in the Humanities. K. Ross Toole, panelist and participant in the series stated, "When the idea (for the seminars) was originally proposed I was very doubtful of its success . . . but it's amazing—between 60-100 people are attending these seminars consistently, discussing these very general questions. The questions are hard and the difficult part is to answer the questions . . . but they are trying to do that . . . I have been amazed at the interest it has generated."

May 21-25 Director's Trip to Eastern Montana to Explain Humanities Program

Bruce Sievers, Director of MCH, will be traveling throughout eastern Montana, May 21-25 to explain the Montana Public Program in the Humanities and to aid groups interested in sponsoring projects. Times and places set aside for Bruce's discussions with residents in various communities are:

MONDAY, MAY 21

Butte: 9:30 A.M., 72 E. Park. Contact person: Michele Robinson. 10:45 A.M., Montana Tech (room to be announced). Contact person: Prof. C. Laity. 12:00 Noon, Silver Bow Kiwanis. Contact person: Mr. Bill Slaughter.

Bozeman: 3:30 P.M., Big Horn Yellowstone Room, Student Union Building, MSU. Contact person: Prof. Pierce Mullen or Scottie Giebenk.

Livingston: 7:30 P.M., home of Elizabeth Hurley.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Harlowton: 9:00 A.M., Harlowton Youth Center. Contact person: Hal Stearns.

Lewistown: 12:00 Noon, Yogo Inn. Contact person: Bradley Parrish.

Malta: 7:00 P.M. To Be Announced.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Glasgow: 9:00 A.M., First National Bank Building meeting room. Contact person: Alene Cooper.

Wolf Point: 12:00 Noon, To Be Announced.

Sidney: 3:00 P.M., To Be Announced.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Glendive: 9:00 A.M., Jordon Hotel. Contact persons: Mr. Vanada or Mrs. Louise Cross.

Miles City: 12:00. Red Rock Inn, Lions Club. 1:30 P.M. Miles City Community College conference room. Contact person: Sydney Sonneborn.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Hardin: 9:00 A.M., Purple Cow. Contact person: Hal Hawley.

Billings: 1:30 P.M., Widenhouse conference room, Rocky Mountain College. Contact person: Thomas Dicken. 3:00 P.M., Faculty Lounge, 8th Floor LA, Eastern Montana College. Contact person: Flora Willett.

If you would like further information or would like to meet with Bruce, please call the MCH office in Missoula 243-6022.

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If you know of others who would care to receive this newsletter, or if you wish to have an application or further information on the Montana Committee for the Humanities, please write:

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Change in Sex Roles and Resistance to Change sponsored by the Psychology Department, Eastern Montana College. A three-day symposium examining the changing roles of women on the campus, in the business world and on the political scene, including the transformation of images and self-images.

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